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**COUNCILMEMBER O'FARRELL, GLASSELL PARK COMMUNITY CELEBRATE PEDESTRIAN
SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG FLETCHER DRIVE**

*Project creates safer environment for students and increasing number of bicyclists who utilize
corridor*

GLASSELL PARK -- City officials and members of the Glassell Park community on Monday dedicated the completion of a project that creates safer access for students walking to and from school, improves our bicycle infrastructure, and adds much needed beautification enhancements along Fletcher Drive.

The Fletcher Drive Streetscape project has been years in the making, and was finally pushed to the finish line thanks to direction and funding from Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell. Community members, City Departments, and a local bike advocacy group were on hand this morning, as well as second grade students from nearby Fletcher Drive Elementary, to celebrate the improvements.

"This stretch of Fletcher Drive, home to two schools, is heavily traveled and notorious for speeding," said Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell. "These improvements make for a safer walking, biking, and driving experience while beautifying the neighborhood and helping to clean the air."

The scope of the streetscape project includes: sidewalk rehabilitation, 19 additional access ramps, and curb repair. Crews also installed two new landscaped medians with an environmentally regulated irrigation system, and planted 140 street trees. Street Services also installed four benches and trash receptacles.

"This street improvement project along Fletcher Drive is another example of our continued efforts to improve the safety of our streets and beautify our neighborhoods throughout the City," said Board of Public Works Vice President Heather Marie Repenning.

"The Bureau of Streets Services was happy to partner with the Office of Councilmember O'Farrell on this project and provide improvements and enhancements that benefit the residents and businesses in the area," said Bureau of Street Services Director Nazario Saucedo.

The City also added a bike lane in each direction to create a much needed connection to the network of bike lanes along Eagle Rock Boulevard.

“The Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition encourages street improvements like the ones we celebrated today on Fletcher Drive,” said Colin Bogart, Education Director, LACBC. “Such improvements, which are crucial to building safe routes to schools, can slow speeding traffic, make sidewalks more accessible for all users, and encourage bicycling. Everyone wins. The project aligns with the City's Vision Zero goals, which prioritize safety on L.A. streets, and moves us closer to a connected bike network in Los Angeles.”

As part of the streetscape, O’Farrell approved the installation of a left turn lane at Estara Avenue leading into the schools and surrounding community. The total cost of the project was \$850,000.

"The Fletcher Drive Streetscape project was a community-driven process that received input from a variety of stakeholders in Glassell Park,” said Robert Campagna, Glassell Park Improvement Association. “The end result will keep our neighbors safe, as well as beautify the area with dozens of new trees! It is civic activism like this that shows by working with your local elected city officials, Angelenos can seriously impact the communities they live and work in.”

In his first term in office, Councilmember O’Farrell has completed four streetscape projects; Sunset Streetscape in Echo Park, Sunset Junction Streetscape in Silver Lake, Micheltorena Safe Routes to School Streetscape in Silver Lake, and the Fletcher Drive project in Glassell Park. Councilmember O’Farrell will break ground on a fifth streetscape project at Hollywood Blvd and Western Avenue this spring.

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